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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO CHANCELLOR KOHL

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2. EMBASSY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO CHANCELLOR KOHL. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.

3. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR WELMUT:

I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE MY REVULSION OVER THE COWARDLY BOMBING IN BERLIN WHICH STRUCK CITIZENS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. I AM CONFIDENT OUR AUTHORITIES WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY TO APPREHEND THOSE WHO PERPETRATED THIS BRUTAL ACT OF TERRORISM.

THE BERLIN BOMBING IS BUT THE LATEST IN A PATTERN OF LIBYAN-SPONSORED TERRORISM DIRECTED NOT ONLY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES BUT ALSO AGAINST THE ENTIRE FABRIC OF CIVILIZED SOCIETY. REGRETTABLY, YOUR COUNTRY HAS NOT BEEN SPARED FROM THIS CAMPAIGN. I RECALL THE MURDER CARRIED OUT BY A LIBYAN AGENT LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO IN BONN AGAINST A LIBYAN DISSIDENT. THAT WAS NOT A LONE

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EVENT, BUT RATHER ONE OF A SERIES OF ACTS ON GERMAN SOIL AGAINST QADHAFI FOES.

WE HAVE CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT THE BOMBING OF THE BERLIN DISCO WAS DIRECTED FROM THE LIBYAN PEOPLES' BUREAU ACCREDITED TO THE GDR. ONE OF THOSE INVOLVED WAS A MEMBER OF THE BUREAU ACCREDITED TO THE GDR, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EXPELLED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF HIS ACTIVITIES AS A MEMBER OF THE BUREAU IN BONN. WE HAVE MADE FORCEFUL REPRESENTATIONS BOTH TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN AND TO GDR OFFICIALS HERE AND ABROAD CALLING UPON THEM TO CLOSE THE LIBYAN PEOPLES' BUREAU.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE BERLIN POLICE AND AGENCIES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE SHARED WITH US INFORMATION LINKING THE LIBYAN PEOPLES' BUREAU ACCREDITED TO THE GDR TO THE BOMBING IN BERLIN. I HOPE YOU WILL SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. CLEARLY, IT IS IN ALL OF OUR INTERESTS TO TURN THE SPOTLIGHT ON THESE CRAVEN ACTS OF TERROR WHICH, AS WAS SO TRAGICALLY EVIDENT IN BERLIN, THREATEN ALL OF OUR COUNTRYMEN.

OF EQUAL URGENCY, WE HAVE INFORMED YOUR AUTHORITIES OF HARD INFORMATION WE POSSESS WHICH LINKS THE LIBYAN PEOPLES' BUREAU IN BONN TO A PLANNED TERRORIST ACT IN MUNICH. THIS IS BUT THE MOST RECENT OF NUMEROUS REPORTS, IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND ELSEWHERE, WHICH OFFER CONCLUSIVE PROOF THAT LIBYAN PEOPLES' BUREAUS ARE ACTIVELY TARGETING US INTERESTS AND PERSONNEL. GIVEN THE CLEAR USE OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLES' BUREAU TO ORGANIZE AND SUPPORT PAST AND PRESENT TERRORIST ACTS IN GERMANY, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CLOSE THE BONN OFFICE AND EXPEL ITS STAFF. DOING SO WOULD SEND A DRAMATIC MESSAGE TO COL. QADHAFI AND SERIOUSLY IMPEDE HIS ACTIVITIES WHICH POSE SUCH A THREAT TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF AMERICANS AS WELL AS GERMAN CITIZENS. IT WOULD FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY THE UK WHEN THE LIBYAN PEOPLES' BUREAU IN LONDON WAS INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN 1984.

IN CLOSING, LET ME REAFFIRM MY CONVICTION THAT THE BEST MEANS TO DEFEAT STATE SUPPORTED TERRORISM, WHETHER SPONSORED BY COL. QADHAFI OR OTHERS, IS FOR THE LEADING GOVERNMENTS OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD TO PROCEED IN CONCERT. FROM PREVIOUS EXCHANGES, YOU KNOW WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT ECONOMIC PRESSURES, IF APPLIED IN UNISON BY LIBYA'S TRADING PARTNERS, CAN BE EFFECTIVE IN LIMITING ITS POTENTIAL FOR STOKING THE FIRES OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. WE STRONGLY WELCOME YOUR UNDERTAKING TO

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DISCOURAGE FRG NATIONALS FROM FILLING IN BEHIND AMERICAN
FIGHTS LEAVING LIBYA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE YOUR
GOVERNMENT WITH INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THIS ISSUE.

I EAGERLY AWAIT HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE OF
CONCERN TO ALL OF US.

SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN

END TEXT. VV

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